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This week at the Church of
St James the Greater
Leicester

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8th JANUARY 2023
EPIPHANY

Prayer for the Week

O God,
who by the leading of a star
manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth:
mercifully grant that we,
who know you now by faith,
may at last behold your glory face to face;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Our Prayers are asked for:

All prevented from worshipping with us, remembering

Gwen Leather : Marilyn Dorum :
Margaret Norman : Mollie Drake : Anne Sylvester
and all those currently unable to attend services.

Those who are unwell and who are recovering

Mark Sadler : Ann Blanchard : Anthony Green :
Josephine Chizema : Kath Higginson : Gillian Boorne :
Peter Relph : Nicola Shilton : Nina French : Joyce Paviour

Rest In Peace

Rev'd Helen Newman : Alan Winkless (91) Former Choir Member

*The Commemorative Flowers this week have been kindly given by
Caroline Beardsmore in memory of her parents John and Pat Beardsmore.*

08.30 Welcome to St James the Greater Holy Communion

Common Worship Order One (Traditional)
President: The Reverend Canon Philip Norwood
Assisted by: Janet Burton
Churchwarden: Paul Jenkins

10.30 Sung Eucharist

See order of service

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar
Assisted by: Lucy Hutchinson
Churchwarden: Simon Edwards and Janet Burton
Servers: Angela Finn, William Woolley and Lucy Hutchinson
Setting: Rawsthorne Festival Eucharist

OPENING HYMN 103 **O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness**

GLORIA

Rawsthorne

READING Isaiah 60.1-6

read by Ian Jones

Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

² For darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the LORD will arise upon you,
and his glory will appear over you.

³ Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

⁴ Lift up your eyes and look around;
they all gather together, they come to you;
your sons shall come from far away,
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.

⁵ Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

⁶ A multitude of camels shall cover you,
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
all those from Sheba shall come.

They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

GRADUAL HYMN 93

Arise, shine out, your light has come

GOSPEL Matthew 2.1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ²asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' ³When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

⁶ "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel." '

⁷ Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' ⁹When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹²And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

SERMON

The Reverend Andrew Quigley

INTERCESSIONS

The Reverend Andrew Quigley

OFFERTORY HYMN 94

As with gladness men of old

ANTHEM

Bethlehem Down - *Warlock*

**POST COMMUNION HYMN 52 (omit vs 3 & 4) The people that in
darkness sat**

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God,

the bright splendour whom the nations seek:

may we who with the wise men have been drawn by your light

discern the glory of your presence in your Son,

the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord.

RECESSIONAL HYMN 96 i

**Brightest and best of the sons
of the morning**

ORGAN VOLUNTARY - *Please be aware of those remaining to listen.*

Collection baskets for donations are on the back tables in church.

A card reader donation machine is also available.

The Vicar Writes

The feast of the Epiphany invites us to reflect on what guides us, and to what destination. How far are we willing to journey for what we believe is important, and what gifts do we wish to bring?



18.30

Choral Evensong

See order of service card

Officiant: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

Churchwarden: Simon Edwards and April Rule

Servers: Hazel Carlin, Sara King and Rod Eynon-Baldock

HYMN 95

CONFESSION

PRECES

PSALM 98

FIRST LESSON Baruch 4.36 – 5.9

Bethlehem, what greater city

see service card

Ayleward

see music sheet

read by Paul Jenkins

³⁶ Look towards the east, O Jerusalem,
and see the joy that is coming to you from God.

³⁷ Look, your children are coming, whom you sent away;
they are coming, gathered from east and west,
at the word of the Holy One,
rejoicing in the glory of God.

⁵ Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem,
and put on for ever the beauty of the glory from God.

² Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God;
put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting;

³ for God will show your splendour everywhere under heaven.

⁴ For God will give you evermore the name,
'Righteous Peace, Godly Glory'.

- ⁵ Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height;
look towards the east,
and see your children gathered from west and east
at the word of the Holy One,
rejoicing that God has remembered them.
- ⁶ For they went out from you on foot,
led away by their enemies;
but God will bring them back to you,
carried in glory, as on a royal throne.
- ⁷ For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low
and the valleys filled up, to make level ground,
so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God.
- ⁸ The woods and every fragrant tree
have shaded Israel at God's command.
- ⁹ For God will lead Israel with joy,
in the light of his glory,
with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

OFFICE HYMN 97 (Tune 210)

Christ is our light!

MAGNIFICAT

Sung by the Choir - Brewer in D

Please remain seated but stand for the Gloria

SECOND LESSON John 2.1-11

read by Brenda Thompson

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ²Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' ⁴And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' ⁵His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' ⁶Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. ⁹When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom ¹⁰and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' ¹¹Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

NUNC DIMITTIS

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Please remain seated but stand for the Gloria

THE CREED

see service card, p 3

RESPONSES

Ferial

ANTHEM

O for a closer walk with God – Stanford

PRAYERS

The Reverend Andrew Quigley

HYMN 63

‘Glory to God!’ all heav’n with joy is ringing

SERMON

The Reverend Andrew Quigley

HYMN 104 (omit v. 4)

Songs of thankfulness and praise

DISMISSAL *Plainsong*

The Lord be with you. **And with thy spirit.**

Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

ORGAN VOLUNTARY - ***Please be aware of those remaining to listen.***

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The Week Ahead

Tuesday - Friday

08.00 Morning Prayer in church

Wednesday

12.30 Funeral of Harry Dalby

21.00 **Compline** via Zoom. To join, please use the link or codes below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83039259347?pwd=VWktTFZFNkNld2b1JmRnRSVWVEweVhaZz09>

Meeting ID: 830 3925 9347 Passcode: wD5aRZ

Thursday

10.30 **Holy Communion**

President: The Reverend Jane Sharp. Assisted by: Lin Mawer

11.00 Coffee Drop-In at the back of the church

Friday

16.30 Junior Choir

18.00 Choir Practice.

19.30 Leicester Theological Society at St. Clements Hall, Holy Cross Church, Wellington Street or online. ‘Made perfect through suffering: the Sacrifice of Christ the High Priest’ a talk given by Fr. Richard Ounsworth OP, Dominican Friar and Tutor in Scripture at Blackfriars, Oxford.

Please check www.leicestertheologicalsociety.org.uk to request a Zoom link.

Sunday Next – Epiphany 2

08.30 **Holy Communion**

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley

10.30 **Sung Eucharist**

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Readings: Isaiah 49.1-7 and John 1.29-42

18.30 **Epiphany Carol Service**

Officiant: The Reverend Andrew Quigley

Please note that incense will be used as part of this service.

ROOM REQUIRED Carol, a member of our congregation, is urgently seeking a room to rent. She is in receipt of housing benefit. If you know someone able to help, please contact the Vicar on 0116 2544113 or E-mail revdaquigley@gmail.com

FORTHCOMING CONCERTS

Sunday 22nd January at 3 pm. Knighton Chamber Orchestra.

Saturday 11th February at 7 pm. The Laura Centre Charity Concert 'Songbook: a celebration of music' featuring the joint choirs of TLC Voices and The Great Bowden Recital Trust Adult Choir. Tickets £8 available on the door and online from <https://songbook.raisely.com/>

VOCATIONS 'EVERYDAY CALLING' DAY will be held this year on Saturday 11th February from 10 am to 3.30 pm at St. Martins House, 7 Peacock Lane, Leicester, LE1 5PZ. For more information see the posters in church or contact liz.rawlings@leicestercofe.org and to book a place for the day contact claire.stapleton@leicestercofe.org stating any dietary requirements.

COMMON CUP Please **place a red token** into a small basket, which is on the large table at the back of church **before taking your seat**, if you wish to receive the wine, so appropriate quantities can be consecrated.

OFFERTORY We have returned to blessing the offertory as part of our services. **Please place any envelopes or loose collection into the baskets at the back of the church before** taking your seat, so that it can be taken to the high altar and blessed during the service.

CARD READER MACHINE We have a CollecTin.com card reader machine on loan for a 4-week trial to assess its viability at St. James the Greater for those who may not carry cash or would prefer to donate using a payment card.

COMPLINE returns this Wednesday 11th January 2023. Please find the Zoom link and codes above in 'The Week Ahead'. All are welcome to join this service.

STAMPS FOR CHARITY Please bring donations of stamps to help raise money for Inter Care and put them in the box provided. As the stamp design will be changing, the current ones will become more valuable.

JUNIOR CHOIR

Our Junior Choir has now launched and meets on Fridays 4.30 pm-5.30 pm and welcomes children of primary age. They will sing roughly once a month at Sunday services to begin with, for which they will even earn a bit of pocket money! The choir is free to join, there are no auditions and the boys and girls will sing in our supportive and inclusive church environment. Being a chorister means getting a free music education. From the moment they start school onwards children can be part of an organisation where they will improve their singing voice, learn to read music, develop their confidence, work as a team with other children, perform at a high level with teenagers and adults and make friends for life. If you know of a child of primary school age who might be interested, or are willing to help at the choir, please get in touch with Emma Trounson: DoM@stjamesthegreater.org.uk.

ST. JAMES VIDEO filmed by John Davey and narrated by David Clark is available to view on the church website at www.stjamesthegreater.org.uk

Resources for Home Worship

Broadcast Media

Daily Service	Monday – Friday at 9.45am	Radio 4 LW
Choral Evensong	Wednesday at 4 pm and Sunday at 3 pm	Radio 3
Sunday Worship	Sunday at 8.10 am	Radio 4
Songs of Praise	Sunday at 13.15 pm	BBC 1

Online at www.churchofengland.org and www.leicestercathedral.org

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